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SUBJ: SECVISIT: ECONOMIC ITEMS OF INTEREST TO JAPANESE

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1. DEP MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS YOSHINO TOLD ME TODAY IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF SECRETARY MIGHT DISCUSS WITH PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHERS WHILE IN JAPAN BACKGROUND OF HIS THINKING AS REFLECTED IN SEPT. 1 UN SPEECH AND U.S. INTENTIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION. YOSHINO SAID MANY JAPANESE VIEWED U.S. INITIATIVE AS SHORT-RANGE AND TACTICAL IN NATURE AND DOUBTED U.S. COMMITMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE FOLLOW THROUGH IN MONTHS TO COME. REASSURANCE ON THESE POINTS WOULD HELP STIMULATE MORE FORTHCOMING COOPERATION FROM JAPAN.

2. JAPANESE WILL ALSO OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN LATEST U.S. THINKING ON PLNAS FOR ECONOMIC SUMMIT, WHAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE ASKED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO. COMPLICATED DIET SESSIONS ON ECONOMIC POLICY ARE LIKELY TO BRING INTO QUESTION PARTICIPATION OF FINANCE MINISTER OHIRA AND TO WORRY PRIME MINISTER WHO WILL HESITATE TO BE AWAY LONG FOR SUMMIT.
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